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California Regional Water Quality Control Board
Los Angeles Region
Jonathan Bishop, Executive Officer

Executive Officer's Report

Enforcement & Groundwater Permitting

Mandatory Minimum Penalty

Redondo Generating Station

Lala Kabadaian

Complaint No. R4-2004-0159 for Mandatory Minimum Penalty was issued against Redondo Generating Station, on November 1, 2004, for \$60,000, for violation of waste discharge requirements contained in Regional Board Order No. 00-085 by exceeding their NPDES permit effluent limit for residual chlorine, free chlorine, and suspended solids between the first quarter in 2000 and the second quarter in 2001. Redondo Generating Station has submitted a signed waiver and paid the penalty assessed to the Regional Board.

NPDES Facility Inspections

Jose Morales

Enforcement Unit NPDES inspectors conducted inspections at 5 facilities with NPDES Permits since November 4, 2004. Inspection of these facilities is a required part of the NPDES program. **See Attachment "A"**

Self Monitoring Reports

Enforcement Staff

Staff reviewed 222 Self-Monitoring Reports submitted by NPDES permit holders since November 4, 2004.

Notices Of Violation – NPDES DMRs

Enforcement Staff

The Executive Officer issued Notices of Violation and Requirements to Submit information to 2 facilities for failing to comply with provisions of Waste Discharge Requirements included as part of their NPDES Permits since November 4, 2004. Enforcement staff identified these violations as part of the NPDES discharger monitoring report review process.

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Stormwater Program

City of Industry Industrial Storm Water Inspections

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On October 12, 2004, inspectors from the Regional Board and Tetratex (on contract from the US EPA) began inspecting all industrial permittees in the City of Industry, which total slightly more than 100. To date, Regional Board staff have inspected over 75 facilities and Tetratex inspectors have inspected 26 facilities. Permittees in this City have a high rate of non-compliance, ranging from illicit discharges to failure to have SWPPPs (Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plans). Regional Board staff are in the process of issuing enforcement actions and overseeing corrective action.

Storm Water Annual Reports Update

Kristie Chung

Under the *General Industrial Storm Water Permit*, permittees are required to submit an annual report of self monitoring by July 1st of each year. For 2003/04, 2,872 dischargers were required to submit annual reports. To date, 104 of these permittees have failed to submit reports, despite Notices of Non-Compliance and Notices of Violation, issued on September 10, 2004 and October 22, 2004, respectively – these permittees now face mandatory minimum penalties of at least \$1,000 per year.

Shea Homes Construction Site at Agoura Rd./Las Virgenes Rd., Calabasas (WDID#419C301368)

Ejigu Solomon/Enrique Loera

On June 17, 2004, Regional Board staff issued an administrative civil liability (ACL) for erosion and sediment control violations on an 11-acre construction site next to a tributary of Las Virgenes Creek in Calabasas. Heal the Bay staff had witnessed sediment discharge from the site into the tributary. The ACL has not been settled yet pending an environmental damage assessment methodology, to be developed by Heal the Bay and Shea Homes. Regional Board staff expect to settle the outstanding ACL by December 2004.

In the meantime, as a result of the first rains in October 2004, Shea Homes submitted a report of noncompliance to the Regional Board for the failure of best management practices (BMPs), and Regional Board staff verified the violations in follow-up inspections. As a result, on November 10, 2004, staff issued a notice of violation (NOV) directing Shea Homes to, among other requirements, install permanent BMPs and to have a contingency plan for dewatering of sediment-laden runoff.

Construction Stormwater Compliance Workshop-LA County

Sean Lee

On October 7th, a Construction Stormwater Compliance Workshop was presented by Building Industry Association of Southern California (BIA/SC) and co-presented by the Pardee Homes with attendance of over 150 developers and 20 municipal staff from the City of Valencia. In this workshop, speakers summarized municipal construction requirements, Storm Water Pollution Prevention Plan (SWPPP) preparation, Best Management Practices (BMPs) selection and implementation, and enforcement actions for non-compliance. In coordination with Pardee, Regional Board staff gave a field presentation focusing on how developers and inspectors can better interact and communicate, various erosion control BMPs, housekeeping practices, construction waste management BMPs, and site monitoring.

Underground Storage Tank Program

Charnock Sub-basin MTBE Cleanup

Weixing Tong/Jay Huang

On November 21, 2003, the City of Santa Monica and three oil companies (Shell Oil, ChevronTexaco, and ExxonMobil) reached a settlement that promises the construction of a treatment plant to restore the drinking water supply to the residents of Santa Monica from the Charnock Sub-Basin within five years from now. In 1996, the discovery of MTBE contamination of the City of Santa Monica's Charnock wellfield resulted in shutdown of the wellfield and consequently a loss of over 6 million gallons per day of groundwater supply – an amount equal to approximately half of the City's daily water demand. Now all parties are in the stage of implementing the agreement.

Since 1996, this Regional Board, working along with USEPA, has diligently investigated and overseen cleanup of the regional and site-specific contamination. As of July 2004, a total of 346 million gallons of groundwater in the Charnock Sub-Basin Investigation Area have been treated. A total of 1,845 pounds of MTBE have been removed from groundwater and 4,227 pounds of MTBE from soil. In addition, 13,747 pounds of gasoline have been removed from groundwater and 213,816 pounds from soil. (see the table below).

PRP #	Site Name	Soil Remediation			Groundwater Remediation			
		TPHg lb	Benzene lb	MTBE lb	TPHg lb	Benzene lb	MTBE lb	Water million gal
4	Arco Station #1246	60,056	1,071	23				
6	Former Conoco station	4,812	39	0				
7	Former Unocal Station #3016	30,616	86	90	0.8	0.004	1	0.765
8	Mobil Station # 18-FX5	14,886	85	305	1,129.3	3.22	1.16	52.5
10	Chevron Station #9-0561	5,327	15.6	34			0.124	0.177
11	Shell Station # 204-1944-0100	5,319	32	107.00	12,743	613.5	1,847	303
12	Winall #18	14,665	99	1,937				
15	Former Powergas station	19,464	68	947				
19	Former ARCO Station #5117	5,700	7	10				
23	Former Thrifty #247	54,132	636	773.9				
	Total	214,977	2,138	4,227	13,747	613	1,845	346

Completion of Corrective Action at Leaking Underground Fuel Storage Tank Sites

Yue Rong

Regional Board staff have reviewed corrective actions taken for soil and/or groundwater contamination problems from leaking underground storage tanks for the time of **October 9, 2004** through **October 29, 2004**, and determined that no further corrective actions are required for the following sites:

- Former Texaco Service Station, La Puente (I-02178A)
- Auto Kleen Car Wash, Hawaiian Garden (R-02603)
- Golden Shell, Norwalk (R-26316)
- Vacant Lot, Long Beach (908020352)
- Former E-Z Service #847, City of Industry (R-12792)
- Former Ray Gasoline Station, South Gate (R-22791)
- Chevron Service Station # 9-0218, Woodland Hills (9136700661)
- Rio Rancho Pontiac/GMC/Buick, Pomona (R-23701)
- Shell Service Station, Los Angeles (900650198)
- Texaco Service Station, Norwalk (I-06367A)
- Shell Service Station, Woodland Hills (913670561)
- Former Linda Vista Hospital, Los Angeles (900230289)
- ExxonMobil Service Station # 18-164, Studio City (916040189A)

For the case closure sites above, a total of 3059 tons of impacted soils were excavated and a total of 32,975 pounds of petroleum hydrocarbons were extracted out at the completion of cleanup.

Remediation Program y

Annual US EPA Brownfields Assessment and Cleanup Grant Application

J.T. Liu

In November 2004, Site Cleanup Unit II staff reviewed the site-specific information submitted by the local agencies and /or non-profit organizations and prepared annual US EPA Brownfields Grant Application Acknowledgement (support) letters for the cities listed below. If awarded the funding, it will be used to assess or clean up the specific sites.

- 1) City of Los Angeles – Department of Environmental Affairs
- 2) Los Angeles Conservation Corporation
- 3) City of Gardena
- 4) City of Lynwood – Redevelopment Agency
- 5) City of Huntington Park

Successful Brownfields Redevelopment – Achieving Clarity on Regulatory Requirements, Processes and Options

J.T. Liu

On November 17, 2004, Cal EPA, Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board, US EPA and the Department of Toxic Substances Control co-sponsored a well-attended Brownfields Workshop at the University of Southern California, Davidson Conference Center. LARWQCB Board members and staff presented an overview of the Regional Board's Brownfields Program and self-directed approach. Other topics including AB 389 (California Land Reuse and Revitalization Act), CAL EPA's Brownfields Memorandum of Agreement (MOA) between the regulatory agencies, SB 32 (California Land Environmental Restoration and Reuse Act) and Regulatory Brownfields Cleanup Process were also presented in the workshop.

Watershed Regulatory

Summary of General Permitting Unit Activities for August and September 2004

Augustine Anijelo

During the month of October 2004, a total of twenty-two dischargers were enrolled into the general NPDES permits. In addition, enrollments for a total of 3 dischargers were terminated. The table shown as **Attachment "B"** contains a breakdown of the enrollments, revisions and terminations for each category of general NPDES permit during the month of October 2004.

Regional Programs

Standards and Total Maximum Daily Loads (TMDLs)

Santa Clara River - Chloride TMDL Implementation Workshops

Elizabeth Erickson

In July 2004, the State Board approved an Amendment to *the California Regional Water Quality Control Plan for the Los Angeles Region*, to incorporate a TMDL for Chloride in the Upper Santa Clara River.

This approval, in part, directs staff to work with concerned parties to conduct technical studies and reconsider the chloride objectives and/or wasteload allocations to ensure that all beneficial uses are adequately protected.

On October 8, the second agricultural Technical Working Group (TWG) met to discuss the study design. On November 3, the TWG had a second meeting where they reviewed the criteria, which will be used to rank the agricultural studies compiled by the contractor. The agricultural Technical Advisory Panel (TAP), which provides peer review on the TWG work products, will participate in their first meeting via phone about the technical basis of the implementation plan before their second meeting on December 3. The agricultural TWG will meet again on December 17.

The first meeting of the ground/surface water technical working group will be held on December 3. An additional meeting will be held on December 17 to consider alternative methods of compliance. Summaries of the material under evaluation are available on a website on the Santa Clara River through Moore Iacofano Golstman Inc.

Ballona Creek Watershed Bacteria TMDL

Ginachi Amah

TMDL staff made a presentation to the CREST Technical Committee on the "Total Maximum Daily Load for Bacteria in the Ballona Creek Watershed," at their meeting on November 2, 2004. CREST – Cleaner Rivers through Effective Stakeholder TMDLs - is a stakeholder group geared towards collaborative TMDL development in the Los Angeles River and Ballona Creek watersheds. The presentation provided guidelines for crafting the Bacteria TMDL for Ballona Creek and Estuary. The audience included approximately 15 representatives from the City of Los Angeles, County of Los Angeles, City of Burbank, CalTrans, and CDM. For further information contact Ginachi Amah at (213) 576-6685

Malibu Creek Nutrient TMDL

Rod Collins

An update on the development of the Malibu Creek and Lagoon Nutrient TMDL was presented by staff to the Regional Board at the November 4, 2004 Board meeting. The purpose of the update was to get early input and direction from the Board on the TMDL development. The Regional Board recommend that staff conduct a workshop at the January 27, 2005 Board meeting. Contact Rod Collins at 213-576-6691 for further information.

Malibu Creek Bacteria TMDL

Rod Collins

Due to the lack of a quorum for the November 4, 2004 Regional Board meeting, the public hearing to consider a revision to the Malibu Creek and Lagoon Bacteria TMDL was continued to the December 9, 2004 Board meeting. Contact Rod Collins at 213-576-6691 for further information.

Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan

Sam Unger

Staff attends the Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan (CCWMP), an established stakeholder watershed planning group, Steering Committee and Subcommittee Meetings and made a brief presentation describing the Regional Board's work with the CCWMP to develop TMDLs at a Public Stakeholder Meeting on November 10, 2004 in Westlake Village.

In October, the CCWMP submitted a draft technical TMDL for Toxicity in Calleguas Creek to Regional Board and USEPA staff and stakeholders for review. Regional Board and USEPA staff are currently reviewing the draft.

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Elizabeth Erickson

In July 2004, the State Board approved the TMDL for Chloride in the Upper Santa Clara River. This approval, in part, directs staff to work with concerned parties to conduct technical studies and reconsider the chloride objectives and/or wasteload allocations. The agriculture Technical Working Group (TWG) met in October and November to discuss the study design and review criteria which will be used to rank the agricultural studies compiled by the contractor. The agricultural TWG will meet again on December 17. In addition staff is participating in the ground/surface water technical working group and a regulatory compliance working group. Summaries of the project meetings and reports will soon be available online. See future Executive Officer reports for the web site address.

Los Angeles Harbor Bacteria TMDL

LB Nye

The Los Angeles Harbor Bacterial TMDL which was adopted by the Regional Board on July 1, 2004 was approved by the State Water Resources Control Board on October 20, 2004. This approval keeps the process on schedule to meet the date of adoption established in the EPA/Heal the Bay consent decree. Under this TMDL, Inner Cabrillo Beach and the Main Ship Channel will achieve compliance with allowable numbers of days of exceedance of recreational swimming standards within 5 years.

Channel Islands Harbor Beaches Bacteria TMDL

LB Nye

Regional Board staff held an initial public meeting on October 26, 2004 to invite stakeholder participation in the development of a TMDL to address bacterial exceedances at the Channel Islands Harbor Beaches (Kiddie Beach and Hobie Beach). The Channel Islands Harbor Beaches are two small, protected beaches inside the Channel Island Harbor which frequently exceed bacterial limits. Stakeholders which attended included Ventura County and other local municipalities, environmental advocacy groups and neighborhood associations.

Dominguez Channel Estuary Scientific Review Board (SRB) Meeting

LB Nye

The Port of Los Angeles, under a contract with the Regional Board, has assembled a Scientific Review Board to advise the Port on hydrodynamic and water quality models for the Dominguez Channel Estuary. The models chosen will be used to characterize pollutants in the estuary and will be useful for the development of TMDLs in the estuary and in Los Angeles and Long Beach Harbors. The most recent SRB meeting was on November 9, 2004 and a model will be chosen on the December 2, 2004 meeting.

Conditional Waiver for Discharges from Irrigated Lands

Thanhloan Nguyen

Since July 2004, staff has been working with agriculture and environmental stakeholders to develop a tentative Conditional Waiver for Discharges from Irrigated Lands (Conditional Waiver). Meeting with stakeholders have been in August September, and October 22, 2004. Staff is planning to release the waiver for public comment in early December for a Regional Board workshop in January 2005.

In addition, the Ventura County Farm Bureau is planning a public meeting on December 14, 2004 in Oxnard to inform agriculture of the Conditional Waiver requirements.

Watershed Management

Santa Clara River Watershed

A public review draft of the Santa Clara River Enhancement and Management Plan (SCREMP) is available <http://sdgis.amec.com/scremp/index.htm>. The SCREMP addresses management of the 500-year floodplain of the main river corridor. Hardcopies of the SCREMP will be available at Los Angeles and Ventura Counties government offices as well as on a website to be developed. Related to the SCREMP, Clean Water Act Section 205(j) grant monies have been awarded to the Ventura County Watershed Protection District for development of a comprehensive river monitoring plan. Additionally, an Army Corps of Engineers-sponsored watershed-wide planning effort will begin which will follow up on the intensive effort put into river corridor planning.

In 1994, a pipeline over the Santa Clara River ruptured during the Northridge Earthquake and spilled crude oil. Funds from a settlement for natural resources damages are being administered by the Santa Clara River Trustee Council which is made up of representatives from the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Services and California Department of Fish and Game. The Trustee agencies completed a Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment for the Santa Clara River ARCO Oil Spill (Restoration Plan) to guide the use of the settlement funds. The Trustees have begun implementing preferred projects described in the Restoration Plan by identifying potential land acquisition and habitat restoration opportunities in the Santa Clara River Watershed.

Miscellaneous Ventura Coastal Watershed Management Area

The McGrath State Beach Area Berry Petroleum Oil Spill Draft Restoration Plan and Environmental Assessment is available for review. The McGrath State Beach Area Trustee Council is inviting the public to review its draft plan to restore natural resources in and around McGrath Lake that were damaged when an oil pipeline ruptured in December 1993, spilling more than 2,000 barrels of crude oil. The draft plan outlines criteria for evaluating the restoration alternatives and addresses the potential environmental effects of each. Written comments on the plan were due October 4. The Trustee Council will use the written comments to modify the draft plan, where appropriate, and to assist it in the final selection of appropriate projects that can be successfully implemented. The document may be viewed at <http://www.dfg.ca.gov/ospr/organizational/scientific/nrda/NRDAmcgrath.htm>. Additional information may be obtained from Valerie Watt at vwatt@parks.ca.gov.

Los Angeles River Watershed

The Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers Watershed Council meets on the third Wednesday of each month. The Watershed Council is a consortium of government agencies, community and environmental groups, business and academia who organized both to resolve and prevent problems in the watershed in a cooperative, collaborative manner. Formation of the Watershed Council grew out of a conference held in 1995 to discuss how to initiate and/or implement watershed management objectives in the greater Los Angeles Area. Stakeholders in attendance agreed to continue meeting and begin a multi-purpose cooperative watershed management process that is open to the public. The Council's website is at <http://www.lasgrwc.org>.

The Watershed Council has published a document entitled, "Beneficial Uses of the Los Angeles and San Gabriel Rivers." Copies may be obtained by contacting the Watershed Council's offices at 213-367-4111.

The Watershed Council is also producing a document entitled, "Water Supply and Management in the Los Angeles Area" which is currently being circulated as a draft for public comment.

The Watershed Council was awarded Proposition 13 grant funds from the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a Compton Creek Watershed Management Plan. Compton Creek is a tributary to the lower Los Angeles River. A steering committee will meet over this year to develop the Plan with input from the community.

The San Gabriel Valley Council of Governments (SGVCOG), in partnership with the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC), was awarded Proposition 13 grant funds from the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a Rio Hondo Watershed Management Plan. The Rio Hondo is a major subwatershed draining to the Los Angeles River. Once the Plan is completed in late 2004, it is anticipated that the RMC will adopt it as part of their Rivers and Tributaries Greenway Plan. A webpage for the watershed management planning process is at http://www.rmc.ca.gov/rio_hondo/rh_index.html. The public review draft of the Watershed Plan can also be obtained at the website.

Information about the Arroyo Seco, a major tributary to the Los Angeles River, may be found at the Arroyo Seco Foundation's website <http://www.arroyoseco.org/>.

The Friends of the LA River is a nonprofit organization formed in 1986 in support of Los Angeles River restoration activities. More information about the organization may be found at <http://www.folar.org/>.

San Gabriel River Watershed

A “State of the Watershed” report is available for the San Gabriel River Watershed which was prepared by Regional Board staff in 2000. The report describes the watershed, with its many diversion structures and recharge areas, and summarizes available water quality data in a manner easily understood by the layperson. The complete set of data evaluated for the report (as well as the report itself) is available electronically by contacting Shirley Birosik at <mailto:sbirosik@waterboards.ca.gov>. The report can also be downloaded in its entirety by accessing the Regional Board’s website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles> and clicking on “Watersheds” on the left side-bar which leads to a clickable map of the region’s watersheds for information specific to each one. Hardcopies of the report are also available.

There are ongoing meetings being held for planning of a San Gabriel River Education Center which may be built in the Whittier Narrows area. Meetings are held on the third Tuesday of each month at 3:00 PM at the Upper San Gabriel Valley Municipal Water District offices.

In 1999, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors directed the Department of Public Works (in cooperation with the County Departments of Parks and Recreation and Regional Planning) to prepare a San Gabriel River Master Plan. The National Park Service through its Rivers, Trails, and Conservation Assistance Program will assist in the development effort. All river stakeholders have been invited to participate. The Master Plan will be a consensus-based document that will recognize and address River issues and concerns of the stakeholders. It will include areas within existing rights of way from Morris Dam in the San Gabriel Mountains to the River’s outlet in Seal Beach. The Master Plan will identify project opportunities for: enhancements for recreation, open space, and habitat areas; restoration; preservation of the River’s natural resources; maintaining flood protection and existing water rights. The Master Plan effort will be coordinated with the activities of the San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountain Conservancy. A public review draft has recently been released. The next meeting of the Master Plan group is scheduled for October 25. Information on the Master Plan effort may be found at <http://ladpw.org/pln/sgrmp/>.

The San Gabriel and Lower Los Angeles Rivers and Mountains Conservancy (RMC) has produced a Guiding Principles Watershed and Open Space Plan which may be obtained at <http://www.rmc.ca.gov/>. Meeting notices for the Conservancy’s Board are also on the website. The Conservancy is an independent State agency within the Resources Agency of the State of California established by state law in 1999. Its jurisdiction includes the San Gabriel River and its tributaries, the Lower Los Angeles River and its tributaries, and the San Gabriel Mountains, Puente Hills, and San Jose Hills. It was established to preserve urban open space and habitats in order to provide for low-impact recreation and educational uses, wildlife and habitat restoration and protection, and watershed improvements within its jurisdiction. Implementation of the Open Space Plan is occurring partly through award of pass-through grant funds.

The Friends of the San Gabriel River is an active stakeholder in the watershed and their website is at <http://www.sangabrielriver.org/>.

The San Gabriel Mountains Regional Conservancy (SGMRC) is a private, nonprofit, collaborative organization established in 1997. The SGMRC was awarded a Proposition 13 Watershed Protection Grant by the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a watershed plan for the three sub-watersheds above Whittier Narrows: San Jose Creek, Walnut Creek, and the Upper San Gabriel River. The most recent Watershed Workshop was held on July 14. A draft Watershed Plan is expected to be available by Fall 2004. More information may be found on their website at <http://www.sgmrc.org/>.

Calleguas Creek Watershed

The Calleguas Creek Watershed Management Plan Committee was convened in 1996 to initiate development of a comprehensive watershed management plan. A large group of stakeholders, including federal, state, and local agencies, landowners, businesses, and nonprofit organizations are represented. An Executive Steering Committee, consisting of a much smaller group of stakeholders, guides the day-to-day activities of the watershed group. Subcommittees have changed through time but currently target Water Resources/ Water Quality, Flood Protection and Sediment Management, Habitat/Open Space/ Recreation, Land Use, Public Outreach/Education, and Agriculture. Subcommittees generally meet monthly or bimonthly. The Management Plan Committee as a whole is currently focusing its attention on TMDL work in the watershed. A public review draft of the Watershed Plan is tentatively scheduled to be released in late October. Information about the management committee and its subcommittees as well as documents and meeting dates can be found at <http://www.calleguas.com/ccbrochure/cc.htm>.

Ventura River Watershed

A “State of the Watershed” report for the Ventura River Watershed prepared by Regional Board staff is available. The report describes the watershed and summarizes available water quality data in a manner easily understood by the layperson. The complete set of data evaluated for the report (as well as the report itself) is available electronically by contacting Shirley Birosik at <mailto:sbirosik@waterboards.ca.gov>. The report can also be downloaded in its entirety by accessing the Regional Board’s website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles> and clicking on “Watersheds” on the left side-bar which leads to a clickable map of the region’s watersheds for information specific to each one. Hardcopies are also available.

An Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study is ongoing in the watershed. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and Ventura County Flood Control District are the major partners in this effort which will evaluate, among other options, the feasibility of restoring the ecosystem through removal of Matilija Dam. The Final EIR/EIS was released in September. More information, including project reports and the Final EIR/EIS, may be obtained on the website <http://www.matilijadam.org/>.

The Matilija Coalition is a local group committed to removal of Matilija Dam and subsequent ecosystem restoration. More information about the group may be found at <http://www.matilija-coalition.org/>.

Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area – Malibu Creek Watershed

The Malibu Creek Watershed Executive and Advisory Council have met on a bimonthly basis for many years and is concerned with a variety of human health and habitat issues. Current active committees/task forces under the Council include those focusing on habitat/species, monitoring/water quality, education, and Rindge Dam. The Council’s Malibu Lagoon Task Force has recently begun to actively meet again in due to active lagoon restoration planning now underway. Information on the lagoon restoration planning process may be found at <http://www.healthebay.org/currentissues/mlhep/default.asp>. The Monitoring Subcommittee also began to meet regularly again to serve as a Technical Advisory Committee to a Proposition 13-funded watershed-wide monitoring program.

The Watershed Council last met on November 16. Minutes from previous meetings, agendas for future meetings, and information about the watershed may be found on the Council’s website at <http://www.malibuwatershed.org/>.

A Malibu Creek Ecosystem Restoration Feasibility Study is underway. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers and California Department of Parks and Recreation are the major partners in this effort which will evaluate,

among other options, the feasibility of restoring the ecosystem through removal of Rindge Dam. The technical advisory group for the effort last met on August 26.

Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area – Topanga Creek Watershed

A watershed committee has been meeting in the Topanga Creek Watershed since 1998. This group was formed as a followup to the Topanga Canyon Floodplain Management Citizens' Advisory Committee which produced a draft Topanga Creek Watershed Management Plan in 1996. A major goal of the watershed committee has been to prioritize potential watershed protection actions previously identified, and participate in a coordinated resource management planning (CRMP) process. A watershed management plan was finalized in 2002. The Committee will continue work on implementation of actions identified in the Management Plan. The group is next scheduled to meet on November 18. The following meeting, on December 11, will focus on monitoring results. Their website address is <http://www.TopangaOnline.com/twc/>.

The group's Technical and Landowners Advisory Committee provides oversight for watershed restoration studies that will help develop design parameters for possible restoration of the Topanga Lagoon and select stretches of the creek. A finalized restoration feasibility study was released in 2002. A consultant has completed engineering design work for the highest priority restoration activities identified in the study. The Committee's last meeting was on December 2, 2003. No additional meetings are currently scheduled.

Santa Monica Bay Watershed Management Area – Ballona Creek Watershed

The Los Angeles County Department of Public Works was awarded a Proposition 13 Watershed Protection Grant by the State Water Resources Control Board to prepare a watershed plan for Ballona Creek. The Ballona Creek Watershed Task Force has been meeting for about a year during Plan development and the final Plan was released at the group's September 21 meeting. A watershed coordinator has been recently hired with Department of Conservation funds to help guide implementation of the plan and lead the Task Force in future meetings. The group generally meets in the afternoon on the third Tuesday of the month in Culver City. Meeting minutes and agendas may be found at <http://www.ladpw.org/wmd/watershed/bc/>.

Dominguez Watershed

The Dominguez Watershed includes the waters of Dominguez Channel, Los Angeles/Long Beach Harbors, Machado Lake, and the land areas draining into them. The Dominguez Watershed Advisory Council was formed in February 2001 and met on a monthly basis for three years to conduct a variety of tasks including development of a Watershed Management Master Plan (funded by Proposition 13) aimed at protecting and improving the environment and beneficial uses of the watershed. The watershed plan has recently been finalized and a list of potential implementation projects/programs is included in the Plan. Meetings are generally held on the first Wednesday of each month. The group's website is at <http://ladpw.org/wmd/watershed/dc/>.

A Harbor Regional Park Task Force was formed and began meeting in October 2002, led by the City of Los Angeles' Department of Recreation and Parks, to address various issues affecting the park (which includes Machado Lake) including concerns over water quality, mosquitoes, and wildlife, among others. Five subcommittees were formed to focus on certain areas: capital improvements, water, education, vegetation management, and security and enforcement. The Task Force and subcommittees are not currently actively meeting.

Los Cerritos Channel/Alamitos Bay Watershed Management Area

The Coastal Conservancy has funded a proposal by the City of Long Beach to prepare a feasibility study for restoration of Colorado Lagoon, a tidal water body connected to Alamitos Bay via a box culvert. The lagoon is heavily utilized for recreational activities; it is in a natural low point of the watershed and thus receives a considerable amount of urban runoff and has impaired water quality. The purpose of the Colorado Lagoon Restoration Feasibility Study is to evaluate and recommend feasible opportunities to restore the marine ecosystem and support safe recreation while improving water and sediment quality and managing storm water in the lagoon. More information on the study may be found at <http://www.longbeach.gov/news/displaynews.asp?NewsID=561>.

Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project

The Southern California Wetlands Recovery Project (WRP) is a partnership of public agencies working cooperatively to acquire, restore, and enhance coastal wetlands and watersheds between Point Conception and the International border with Mexico. Using a non-regulatory approach and an ecosystem perspective, the WRP works to identify wetland acquisition and restoration priorities, prepare plans for these priority sites, pool funds to undertake these projects, implement priority plans, and oversee post-project maintenance and monitoring.

The WRP is headed by a Board of Governors comprised of top officials from each of the participating agencies. The Southern California Wetlands Managers Group and the Public Advisory Committee serve as advisory committees to the Board. The Wetlands Managers Group is responsible for drafting the regional restoration plan and advising the Governing Board on regional acquisition, restoration, and enhancement priorities. The WRP has also established a panel of scientists to advise on regional goals, specific objectives, project criteria, and priorities. Governing Board meetings are public and are noticed at least 10 days prior to each meeting. If you sign up on the Wetlands Project email list, you will receive email notification of all board meetings. The last Board of Governors meeting was held on October 5.

County Task Forces help solicit projects for consideration for WRP funding by the Managers Group and Board of Governors. The program provides funding for acquisition, restoration, and enhancement projects for coastal wetlands and watersheds in Southern California.

Both the Ventura and Los Angeles County Task Forces have Education Subcommittees which are looking to build on existing education programs while identifying gaps to be filled.

The WRP also has a Science Advisory Panel (SAP) and a wetlands ecologist who acts as liaison with the SAP. Recent activities have focused on coordination with a statewide effort to develop methods for rapid assessment of wetlands and development of a wetlands regional monitoring program. A paper on the habitat value of treatment wetlands has also been written and is available on the WRP's webpage.

A contract between Environment Now on behalf of the WRP and the State Water Resources Control Board has resulted in a number of useful and interesting products including maps and reports. These may be found at <http://www.lasgrwc.org/WRP.htm>.

Minutes from previous meetings, publications, and other information about the group, including how to obtain funding, may be found on their website at <http://www.coastalconservancy.ca.gov/scwrp/index.html>.

Watershed Management Initiative Chapter

Each Regional Board has a "chapter" in a statewide document which describes the Region’s watersheds and their priority water quality issues. The last update occurred in October 2004. The consolidated statewide document is the basis for many funding decisions including allocating money for monitoring, TMDL development, and grant monies disbursement. Future updates will occur on an as-needed basis. The document may be obtained electronically (in MSWord) by contacting Shirley Birosik, Watershed Coordinator, at 213-576-6679 or e-mail to :sbirosik@waterboards.ca.gov. It can also be downloaded in its entirety by accessing the Regional Board’s website at <http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/losangeles> and clicking on “Watersheds” on the left side-bar. In addition, “Watersheds” will lead to a clickable map of the region’s watersheds for information specific to each one.

Funding

Information on a wide variety of funding sources is available on the California Watershed Funding Database website at <http://calwatershedfunds.org/>.

Non Point Source Unit

Section 401 Water Quality Certification Program

Valerie Carrillo

As of November 12, 2004, the Regional Board has received 8 new applications for Section 401 Water Quality Certification actions. Currently, 47 applications are still pending. The following Certification actions have been issued since the preparation of the last Executive Officers Report::

DATE OF ISSUANCE	STAFF	APPLICANT	PROJECT	ACTION
9/23/04	VC	Continuing Life Communities of Thousand Oaks	Continuing Life Communities University Village at Thousand Oaks Project	Denial Without Prejudice
10/18/04	VC	Serrurier Architects	Single Family Home at 52 Los Altos Drive, Pasadena	Non-jurisdictional letter
10/19/04	VC	Patricia Kirk	Single Family Home at 1525 Glen Oaks Boulevard, Pasadena	Non-jurisdictional letter
10/19/04	VC	Naval Base Ventura County	Rat Guard Port Hueneme Wharves 5 & 6 Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification
10/22/04	VC	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Lake Vista Drive over Malibou Lake Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification
10/27/04	VC	Pacific Communities	Tentative Tract 53354 Residential Development Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification
10/27/04	VC	Continuing Life Communities of Thousand Oaks	Continuing Life Communities University Village at Thousand Oaks Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification
10/27/04	VC	Mary Bergen	Rancho Dos Rios San Antonio Creek Bridge Repair Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification
10/27/04	VC	City of Calabasas	De Anza Trail Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification
10/29/04	VC	G.H. Palmer Associates	Annual Storm Drain Maintenance Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification
10/29/04	VC	Los Angeles County Department of Public Works	Maintenance of Private Drain 2225 – Bouquet Canyon Channel Project	Certification Authorization
11/8/04	VC	Biola University	Biola University – Embankment Stabilization Project	Conditional Water Quality Certification
11/8/04	VC	Mike McGee	McGee Boat Dock Project	Standard Water Quality Certification

Certification actions recently issued and project descriptions for applications currently being reviewed can be viewed from our Web Site located at [http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rWater Quality Certificationb4/html/meetings/401Water Quality Certification.html](http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rWater%20Quality%20Certificationb4/html/meetings/401Water%20Quality%20Certification.html). For additional information regarding our Section 401 Program, please contact Valerie Carrillo (213) 576-6759. Any petitions for the appeal of a Section 401 Water Quality Certification action must be filed within 30 days of the date of its issuance. We encourage public input during the Certification process

Personnel Report

As of November 4, 2004 our staff total is 144: 124 technical staff (including 4 part-time staff), 9 permanent analytical staff and 11 permanent clerical staff.

The following reclassification was made:

Wendy Liu, from Sanitary Engineering Associate to Engineering Geologist, effective July 13, 2004.

The following separated from Region 4:

Michael Yang, Water Resource Control Engineer, separated from State service, effective October 15, 2004.

Gary Schultz, Water Resource Control Engineer, transferred to Department of Health Services, effective November 1, 2004.

Public Outreach

UST Working Group Meeting

Yue Rong

The Los Angeles Regional Water Quality Control Board hosted a regular 21st Underground Storage Tank (UST) Working Group meeting on November 3, 2004. Regional Board staff has created a unique public outreach forum for the UST Program. UST Working Group meetings have been held 3 to 4 times a year since 1997. The UST working group consists of a wide range of social interest groups including local government agencies, major oil companies, environmental organizations, consultants, environmental law firms, analytical testing laboratories, realtors, bankers, Regional Board staff, and other special interest groups (e.g., the California League of Cities). The UST Working Group meetings are an open forum and any participant or group member may actively participate by presenting subjects of interest related to USTs. The 21st meeting focused on tertiary butyl alcohol (TBA) in groundwater in association with MTBE. The presentation panel consisted of four professionals from oil companies and their contractors. The meeting was very well attended. Approximate 50 people were in attendance. Future meeting agenda can be seen on Regional Boards website (www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb4).

Groundwater Resource Association Symposium

Dave Rasmussen

On November 10, 2004, Regional Board staff presented a talk on "Southern California Dry Cleaner Release Sites, Issues and Concerns", at the 13th Symposium in the Groundwater Resource Association's series on Groundwater Contaminants.

The talk was presented to approximately 100 attendees of the GRA symposium and was focused on the Regional Board's oversight of the cleanup at two former dry cleaners in the Southern California Brownfields Program.

NPDES Facility Inspections

Attachment "A"

<u>Discharger</u>	<u>Facility Name</u>	<u>CI No.</u>	<u>Program Class</u>	<u>Address</u>	<u>City</u>	<u>Order No</u>	<u>NPDES No</u>	<u>Actual Inspection Date</u>
LB/L-SUNCAL MAN-DALAY, LLC	Westport at Manday Bay	8282	MAJ	S. Wooley & Mandalay Bay	Oxnard	02-184	CA0064 491	11/5/2004
Las Virgenes MWD	Tapia WWRP, NPDES	8059	MAJ	731 Malibu Canyon Rd	Calabasas	99-066	CA0064 271	11/10/2004
Las Virgenes MWD	Tapia WWRP, NPDES	4760	MAJ	731 Malibu Canyon Rd	Calabasas	97-135	CA0056 014	11/10/2004
Los Angeles City of DWP	Harbor Generating Station	2020	MAJ	161 North Island Ave	Wilmington	95-027	CA0000 361	11/4/2004
Camarillo Sanitary District	Camarillo WWRP, NPDES	1278	MAJ	150 E. Howard Rd	Camarillo	96-042	CA0053 597	11/18/2004
Los Angeles County San Dist	Long Beach WWRP, NPDES	5662	MAJ	7400 E. Willow St	Long Beach	95-076	CA0054 119	11/24/2004
Fairchild Holding Corp.	Voi-Shan Redondo Bch	6841	MIN	4001 Inglewood Ave	Redondo Beach	03-118	CA0060 631	11/8/2004
Shell Oil Products US	Mormon Island Marine Terminal	1596	MIN	Berths 167,168,169-Mormon Is	Wilmington	00-086	CA0003 557	12/3/2004

Summary of General Permitting Unit Activities for October 2004

Attachment "B"

	General Permit type and Facility name & Location	Date of Coverage	Date of Termination
A.	NPDES CAG994001 (Order No. 97-045) Dewatering (no treatment)		
1	Casden Properties LLC., Villas at Park La Brea, 530 Burnside Ave., L.A.		10/5/04
B.	NPDES CAG994002 (Order No. 97-043) Dewatering (treatment required)		
C.	NPDES CAG994004 (Order No. R4-2003-0111) Construction & Project Dewatering		
1	E & F Arco Gas Station, 15922 Inglewood Ave., Lawndale		10/1/04
2	Maguire Propertix-555 West Fifth, LLC, Gas Company Tower, 555 W. 5th St., L.A.	10/5/04	
3	Dole Food Company, Inc, Westlake Village SPA & Hotel, Two Dole Drive, Westlake Village	10/6/04	
4	Westlake Lake Management Association, Westlake Wate Supply, 32353 W. Triunfo Cyn. Rd., Westlake	10/14/04	
5	G & K Management, Museum Terrace, 600 Curson Ave., L.A.	10/12/04	
6	Sikh Study Circle, Inc., Sikh Temple, 1966 N. Vermont, L.A.	10/13/04	
D.	NPDES No. CAG994005 (Order NO. R4-2003-0108) Potable Water Supply Wells Discharges		
1	Southern California Water Company, Belhaven Plant, 11230 S. Belhaven Ave., L.A.	10/5/04	
2	City of San Buenaventura, Golf Course Well Nos. 3, 5, and 6, San Buenaventura	10/29/04	
E.	NPDES CAG674001 (Order No. 97-047) Hydrostatic Test Water		
1	Southern California Gas Company, Line 1340 Extension Project, Anaheim St. and Lecouvreur Ave., Wilmington	10/5/04	
2	Pacific Terminals LLC., Los Alamitos Tank Farm, 692 N. Studebaker Rd., Long Beach	10/6/04	
3	City of L.A. Department of Water and Power, Haynes Generating Station Repowering Project, Long Beach	10/14/04	
4	BP West Coast Products LLC., Marine Terminal #3, 1400 Pier C St., Long Beach	10/14/04	
5	ExxonMobil Oil Corporation, ExxonMobil Vernon Terminal, 2709 E. 37 th St., Vernon	10/25/04	
6	Shell Oil Products, Shell Signal Hill Terminal, 2457 Redondo Ave., Signal Hill	10/29/04	
7	City of L.A. Department of Water and Power, The Stone Hollywood Trunk Line Unit 4 Project, Between Crescent Heights Drive & La Brea Ave., L.A.	10/22/04	
8	Kinder Morgan Liquids Terminals, LLC, Carson Terminal, 200 E. Sepulveda Boulevard, Carson	10/22/04	
9	Shell Oil Products US, Shell Van Nuys Terminal, 8100 Haskell Ave., Van Nuys	10/22/04	
10	BP West Coast Products LLC, West Hynes Pump Station, 5900 Cherry Ave., Long Beach	10/22/04	
11	BP West Coast Products LLC, East Haynes Terminal, 5905 Paramount Boulevard, Long Beach	10/18/04	
12	L.A. Department of Water and Power, Parthenia Trunk Line Project, L.A.	10/24/04	
F.	NPDES CAG994003 (Order No. R4-2004-0058) Nonprocess		
1	Metropolitan Water District of Southern California, Venice Power Plant, Culver City	10/1/04	
2	Southern California Water Company, Goldmedal Plant, 13030 Yukon Ave., Hawthorne	10/1/04	
3	Maguire Propertix-555 West Fifth, LLC, Gas Company Tower, 555 W. 5th St., L.A.		10/5/04
G.	NPDES CAG834001 (Order No.2002-0125) – Cleanup of Petroleum Fuel Pollution		
1	Harrison/Roberts Environmental Management, Former Service Station, 7228 Beverly Boulevard, L.A.	10/1/04	
H.	NPDES CAG914001(Order No. 2002-0107) – Cleanup of Volatile Organic Compounds Contaminated Groundwater		